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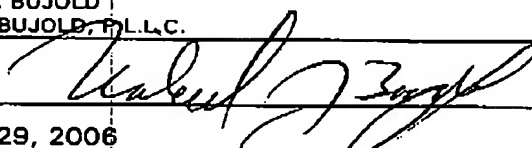
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Applicant's or agent's file reference 8765 WO RSF-RIX	IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION	
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Applicant	ZF FRIEDRICHSHAFEN AG et al	

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Applicant ZF FRIEDRICHSHAFEN AG			

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1. Statement			
Novelty (N)	Claims 10-16, 20		YES
	Claims 1-9, 17-19, 21		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims 13-16		YES
	Claims 1-12, 17-21		NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims 1-21		YES
			NO
2. Citations and explanations:			
1.	<p>Reference is made to the following documents:</p> <p>D1: US 4,471,669 A</p> <p>D2: INGENIEURS DE L'AUTOMOBILE, RAIP. BOULOGNE, FR: DOUBLE EPICYCLE A GLISSEMENT CONTROLE APPLICATION A LA TRACTION DES VEHICULES DOBLE EPICYCLE TO CONTROL SLIP: IMPLEMENTATION ON DRIVE TRAINS</p>		
2.	<p>D1 discloses (the references between parentheses relate to said document): a gearbox device for distributing a drive torque between at least two drive output shafts (52) having at least two triple-shaft planetary gear sets (42, 44), wherein in each case one first shaft (46) of a planetary gear set (42, 44) is connected to a drive input shaft (40) and in each case one second shaft (52) of a planetary gear set (42, 44) constitutes one of the drive output shafts (52), wherein in each case one third shaft (48) of the planetary gear sets (42, 44) is operatively connected to a brake (80, 82) in such a way that a degree of distribution of the drive torque between the two drive output shafts (52) is varied as a function of the transmission capacities of the brakes (80,</p>		

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	82). The subject matter of claim 1 is therefore not novel (PCT Article 33(2)).
3.	D1 also discloses the additional features of claims 3, 5 to 9. The subject matter of claims 3, 5 to 9 is therefore not novel (PCT Article 33(2)).
4.	A similar objection to that under point 2 is raised for claim 1 on the basis of D2. D1 also discloses the additional features of claims 2 to 4, 17 to 19 and 21. The subject matter of claims 2, 4, 17 to 19 and 21 is therefore not novel (PCT Article 33(2)).
5.	The features of claims 10 to 12 and 20 involve only one of several obvious possibilities from which a person skilled in the art would choose according to the circumstances in order to solve the problem of interest, without thereby being inventive. The subject matter of claims 10 to 12 and 20 therefore does not involve an inventive step (PCT Article 33(3)).
6.	The combination of features contained in dependent claim 13 is neither known from nor suggested by the available prior art. Dependent claims 13 to 16 therefore meet the requirements of PCT Article 33(2) and 33(3).

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